

Appl. No. 09/872,068  
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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings is a new Figure 1c.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 - 3, 5 - 12, 15 - 17, 67 and 68 were examined. Certain of the claims have been amended and canceled as noted above. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of Claims 1 - 3, 5 - 8, 11, 12 and 15 - 17. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Applicants note the objection to the drawings. To overcome the objection to claim 1, applicants have added new Figure 1c which illustrates how the inner sheath 120 and treatment catheter 130 would enter in the outer catheter 102 in parallel in the embodiments of Figs. 3c and 3d. No new matter has been added. The drawing rejections applied to claims 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 have been overcome by canceling these dependent claims.

As both claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled, the objection to specification as insufficiently supporting Section 112, Paragraph 6, claims is now moot.

The claim objections have been overcome by canceling claim 9 and amending claim 12 to correct the typographical error noted by the examiner.

The written description objections have been overcome by canceling 67 and 68.

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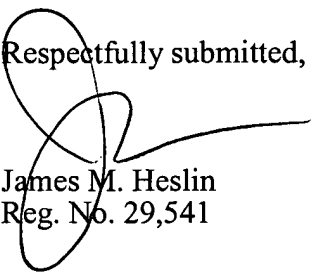
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance and request that the application be passed to issue at an early date.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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